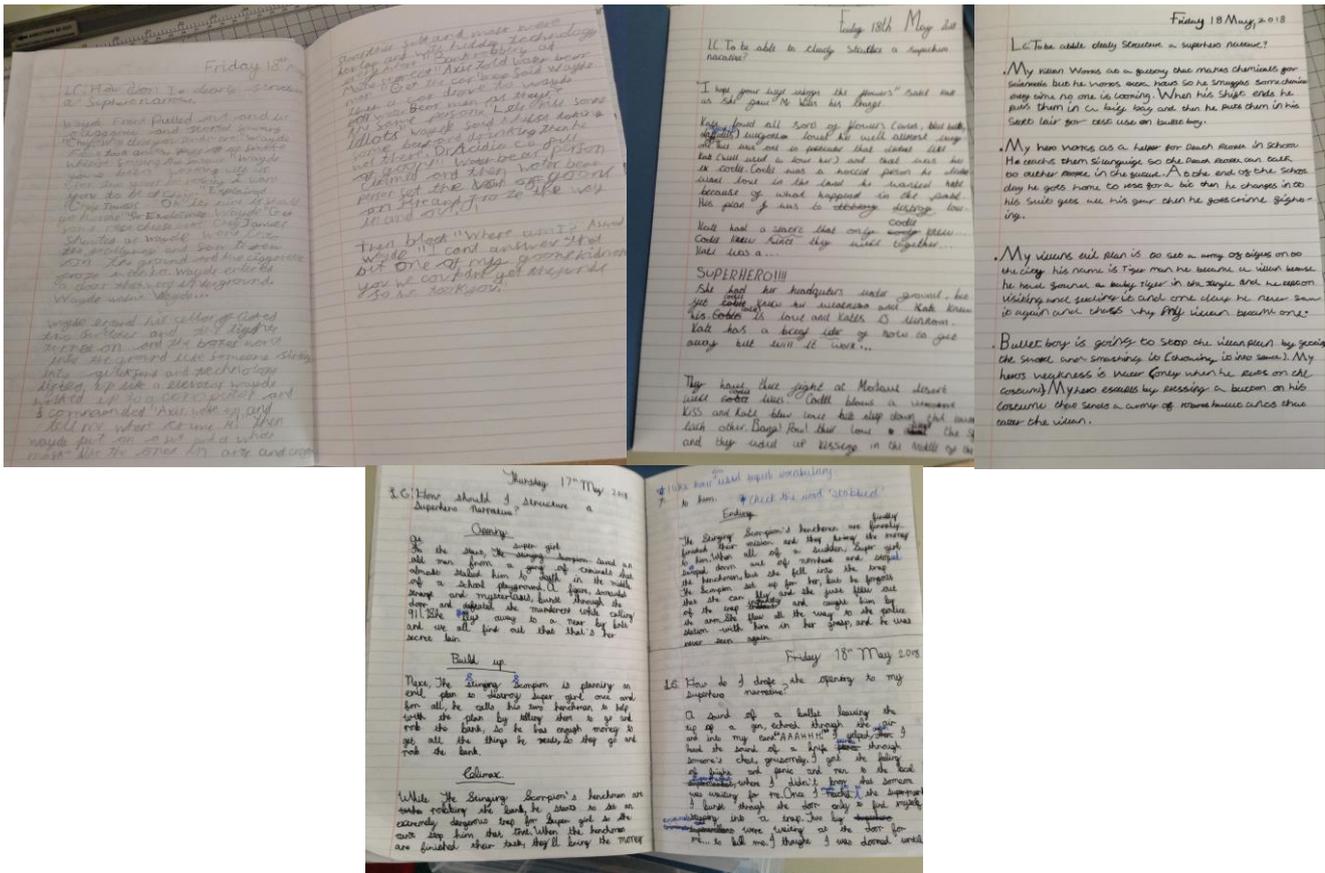


# Year 5 Newsletter

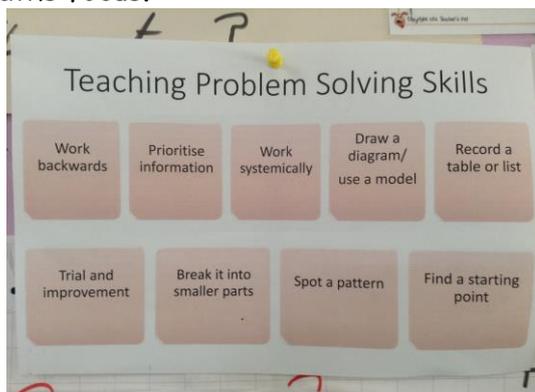
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Using their imagination and creativity, children have dived head first into their English this week-the theme being Superheroes! Using our knowledge of mini-beasts, we have created our own hybrid heroes and villains using the features of bugs that we have studied over recent weeks. The aim of the writing is to produce a story which not only reads well but includes many of the writing features we have been practising over the last term. Please ask your children what these features are, why they are effective and how they have used them within their story.



During Maths, we have been revising key skills and exploring any misconceptions that the children may have developed. Some of us have been using some of the nine main skills used in multi-step problem solving and focussing on checking our work for silly mistakes. We are constantly developing our independent skills as writers and mathematicians and, as such, proof reading/checking for errors is a huge part of our learning. We need the children to be able to spot their own mistakes, improving and enhancing where appropriate. In Maths, we can encourage this through written and verbal reasoning. This helps to embed our understanding and gives us the opportunity to use technical vocabulary related to our maths focus.



On Friday afternoon, we were excited to receive our much awaited pen-pal letters from China. Year 5, (the only year group to be involved), were really excited to open their personal replies. We spent some time drafting some replies to our pen-pals which will ultimately be posted off to Asia! It's great to see the children so engaged in their letter writing, particularly as it a very purposeful form of writing. Since the pupils all enjoyed this exercise so much, why not encourage them to write to their family members, particularly those who may be really touched to receive a letter.



**It's clear to see how much effort and enthusiasm the Chinese students have put into their letters to us.**

### **Reading at home**

As well as children having approx. 45 minutes reading time at school (each day), they are also expected to read at home each evening. We need to ensure that all children are doing everything they can to reach their reading points targets each term. We know that reading impacts every subject, not just English.

### **Homework**

Children have been given their weekly homework - please ensure it is returned by Monday. Homework club is now held on a Wednesday lunchtime.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Wells, Mr McMahon, Mrs Tong and Mrs Malam.